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Udo Bickers et al.

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For: USE OF HYDROXYAROMATIC
COMPOUNDS AS SAFENERS

Examiner: C. A. Brown

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Response mailed September 18, 2007, the time for a response to which is set to expire on October 18, 2007

Applicants were advised that their response to the Restriction Requirement filed April 17, 2007 was deficient because Z' was not defined as part of the specific compound election requirement. Application was required to define Z' to fully comply with the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants respectfully submit that the reply filed August 17, 2007 was fully compliant. Applicants provisionally elected, with traverse, the compound 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (compound no. 1050 in the table at page 80 of the specification). This compound corresponds to Formula I wherein R¹ represents a carboxyl group, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ each represent hydrogen, m is 0, n and o are each 1, and Z and Z" are each oxygen. When m is 0, Z' is not present and therefore no definition is required.

The Examiner is requested to call Applicants' representative, Liza D. Hohenschutz at (302) 888-6420 (direct dial) or (302) 658-9141 if she needs additional information or clarification of Applicants' response to the Restriction Requirement.

Dated: October 18, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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